

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 The invention relates to purification of (2S,3S)-3-
 [[(1S)-1-isobutoxymethyl-3-methylbutyl] carbamoyl] oxirane-
 2-carboxylic acid [hereinafter, referred to as the car-
 boxylic acid] using the salt of the carboxylic acid with
10 an organic amine selected from the group consisting of
 ~~piperazine, adamantane amines and others.~~ The invention
 also relates to providing crystalline sodium salt of the
 carboxylic acid. The sodium salt is usable as a material
 for preparing medicaments and improved in storage sta-
 bility, and has the following characteristics:

15 DSC: exothermic peak observed at a temperature in
 the range of 170 to 175°C with weight decrease; and
 characteristic absorption bands of infrared absorp-
 tion spectrum (KBr tablet): 3255, 2950, 2860, 1670, 1630,
 1550, 1460, 1435, 1395, 1365, 1310, 1260, 1110, 890 cm⁻¹.

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